

Licensing and Certification

Special Topic Workgroup

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MHSA Workforce Education and
Training

Stakeholder Recommendations

- Assist county human resource departments to write job descriptions and minimum qualifications that reflect the intent of the Act
- Change the questions in the written licensing exams to reflect the intent of the Act
- Enable intern supervision across professions to enable an increase of interns in rural areas
- Ensure that clear, accurate information is readily available to foreign educated individuals who are attempting to gain licensure in CA

Stakeholder Recommendations(2)

- Endorse the Certified Psychiatric Rehabilitation Professional (CPRP) to enable more consumers and family members to become service providers
- Change the California Code of Regulations to enable the CPRP to sign treatment plans for Medi-Cal funding
- Review Medi-Cal codes to capture the revenue for services provided by consumers and family members

CMHPC Recommendation

- Improve the ability with which individuals can transfer their license eligibility from another state; i.e., licensing reciprocity
- Review the minimum qualifications required to prescribe psychotropic medications
- Review the minimum requirements to sign treatment plans funded by Medi-Cal

Workgroup Strategies

Develop issue papers with options on:

- Minimum requirements to sign treatment plans
- Medi-Cal service code definitions
- License portability
- Skill sets for licensing exam questions
- Internship supervision across disciplines
- Increase professions who can be licensed
- License waiver eligibility

Workgroup Strategies(2)

- Stipulating clinical hours in public mental health for licensure requirements
- Transforming skill sets and core competencies in minimum requirements for positions in public mental health
- Review minimum requirements required to prescribe, administer and manage psychotropic medications

Next Steps

- Four smaller groups to engage in a series of teleconferences to develop issue papers
- Workgroup to meet October 3rd to review progress